

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 are in independent form.

I. STATEMENT REGARDING THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

During the telephonic interview conducted on September 10, 2009 with Examiner Gambetta and Applicants' representative, Crystal Wilson (Reg. No. 61,730), Applicants' representative sought clarification of claims 17-20 with regard to the Restriction Requirement mailed on August 26, 2009.

The Examiner stated that claims 17-20 are included in Group I.

II. RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Action, the Examiner requires Applicants to select one of the following groups for further prosecution on the merits:

GROUP I including claims 1-9 and 17-20, drawn to a method;

GROUP II including claims 10-12, drawn to an apparatus, and

Group III including claims 13-16, drawn to a product.

III. RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute Group I, including claims 1-9 and 17-20. Applicants specifically reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to non-

elected claims 10-16.

Furthermore, non-elected claims 13-16, dependent from and therefore require all of the features of elected claim 1. Thus, if claim 1 is allowed, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of non-elected claims 13-16.

CONCLUSION

An early indication of the allowability of claims 1-9 and 17-20 in connection with present application is earnestly solicited.

In the event that any matters remain at issue in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned for the purpose of a telephonic interview.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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